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SUBJECT: SAUDI CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SAUDIA AIRLINES OFFICIAL THAT THERE IS LITTLE SUBSTANCE TO RECENT NEWS STORIES THAT JAPAN AIR LINES IS NEGOTIATING MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CHARTER AIR FERRY FROM FAR EAST TO SAUDI ARABIA. SAUDIS SAY THEY ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING THE NECESSARY BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH JAPANESE (REVISING ROLES OF TWO YEARS) AS SAUDIA WILL NOT BE READY TO FLY TO FAR EAST FOR SEVERAL YEARS. JAL IS MEANWHILE PAYING 30 PERCENT COMMISSION ON OCCASIONAL AIR FREIGHT CHARTERS TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. SAUDIA IS CURRENTLY CONCENTRATING ON NEGOTIATING POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH FAR EASTERN CARRIER, AND HAS HELD, OR WILL SHORTLY HOLD, TALKS WITH
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FILLIPINOS, NATIONALIST CHINESE, AND KOREANS. SAUDI GOAL APPEARS TO BE NEGOTIATION OF "JOINT VENTURE", SIMILAR TO NEW SAUDIA-LUFTHANSA ARRANGEMENT, WHICH WOULD SHARE PROFITS ON DESIGNATED SERVICES. THE SERVICES WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY THE FAR EASTERN CARRIER, THE MARKET BY THE SAUDIS.
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